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Classified By: Ambassador Brenda LaGrange Johnson for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

¶1. (SBU) On October 4, PolOff met with and conveyed reftel points to Angella Brown, Deputy Director, International Organizations Department, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (MFAFT), and left a copy of the Non-Paper on President Chavez' Statements.

¶2. (SBU) Brown stated that Jamaica's position is the same as the Caricom position, i.e., that they cannot support Guatemala. Brown also mentioned that another candidate may enter the race at the last minute and defeat both Venezuela and Guatemala, such as Mexico had done in the 1979 race between Cuba and Columbia.

¶3. (SBU) Brown also stated that the final decision of how to vote would be made by the Prime Minister and may be made at the last minute with a direct communication from the Prime Minister to Ambassador Wolfe, Jamaica's permanent representative to the UN. Brown stated that she will likely be there for the vote but may not herself know how Jamaica ultimately votes.

¶4. (C) COMMENT: It seems unlikely that the Deputy Director of the International Organizations Department in the MFAFT would not know how Jamaica votes in this election. Brown was likely implying that Jamaica's vote will be a tightly held secret, and we may never have confirmation of how Jamaica

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ultimately decided to vote. End comment.
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